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SUBJ: MINISTER PRONK'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

REF: STATE 055322 AND HAGUE 1382

1. IN MARCH 20 TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH DCM, MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT AID PRONK EXPRESSED WARM APPRECIATE FOR THE EXCELLENT ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR HIM AND FONOFF DIRECTOR GENERAL VAN GORKOM DURING THEIR RECENT WASHINGTON VISIT. PRONK WAS MOST PLEASED WITH THE SUBSTANTIVE QUALITY AND COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF HIS MEETINGS AND WAS GLAD THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD REMEMBERED HIS STRONG PREFERENCE TO AVOID FORMAL SOCIAL OCCASIONS. IN SUM, HE FELT HIS TIME HAD BEEN WELL SPENT.

2. PRONK TOOK THE PAINS TO EXPLAIN THAT THE DISAPPOINTMENT HE HAS EXPRESSED WITH US FOREIGN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (HAGUE 1382) DID NOT RPT NOT PERTAIN TO THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH BUT ONLY TO THE ATTITUDES AND POSITIONS HE FOUND DURING HIS CONTACTS WITH CONGRESS. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE CONCEPTUAL GAP BETWEEN THEIR THINKING AND HIS WAS CONSIDERABLE. AT THE SAME TIME,
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HE HOPED TO FIND THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE THE DIALOGUE

WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS CONCERNED WITH FOREIGN ECONOMIC
ASSISTANCE. TO THIS END, HE SAID HE WOULD SPEAK WITH ED
VAN TIJN, LEADER OF THE LABOR PARTY'S PARLIAMENTARY
GROUP ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF INVITING MEMBERS OF
CONGRESS TO VISIT THE NETHERLANDS.
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